

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Motoharu Sugiyama  
Appl. No. : -- 09/489974  
Filed : ~~Concurrently herewith~~ 1-24-00  
For : BRAZING FILLER METAL SUPERIOR IN CORROSION  
RESISTANCE AND HEAT RESISTANCE, AND EGR COOLER  
BRAZED WITH SAID BRAZING FILLER METAL

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, and prior to calculating fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

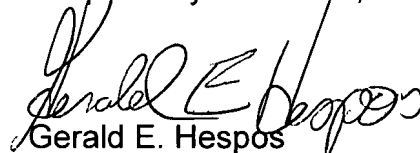
Claim 3, line 2, delete "or 2".

**REMARKS**

Consideration of this application is requested.

Claim 3 has been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency that had existed and to thereby avoid the U.S. government surcharge for applications with multiple dependent claims. Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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